

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush ~~or application of mascara or the like,~~ comprising:

a brush core; and

bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the bristles is in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse and is held on the brush core in such a manner that a face of the bristle is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara ~~or the like,~~ comprising:

a brush core; and

bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the bristles is composed of a first bristle in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse~~ and a second bristle in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse~~ which is disposed inside of the first bristle, ~~and both the first and second bristles are held on the brush core in such a manner that each face of the first and second bristles is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara ~~or the like~~, comprising:

a brush core;

ring-shaped bristles held on the brush core; and

straight bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the ring-shaped bristles is in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse~~ and is held on the brush core in such a manner that a face of the bristle is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the ring-shaped bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the ring-shaped bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.

4. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara ~~or the like~~, comprising:

a brush core;

ring-shaped bristles held on the brush core; and

straight bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the ring-shaped bristles is composed of a first bristle in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse~~ and a second bristle in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse~~ which is disposed inside of the first bristle, ~~and both the first and second bristles are held on the brush core in such a manner that each face of the first and second bristles is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core,~~ and the ring-shaped bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the ring-shaped bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.